

Presenter Biographies

Danielle L. Batson, AG, MLS spent 13 years working as a U.S. and Canada Research Specialist at the Family History Library. Her current assignment is working on content projects in the FamilySearch Research Wiki. Her research experience includes African-American research, the Midwest, South, and Mid-Atlantic States. She has taught genealogy research classes at the Family History Library and various genealogical conferences including FGS in San Antonio and BYU’s Conference on Family History and Genealogy.

David Dilts, AG has been employed with the Family History Library since September 1975 first as a cataloger of German, Austrian, Swiss and Polish records then reference consultant. He earned his Master’s degree in Library Science from BYU and completed three years of doctoral work in history at the University of Utah. He is accredited in German and LDS research and has great experience in researching, writing and lecturing on genealogical topics.

Joan Healey, AG is a native of Salt Lake City and earned a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah. Joan has worked as a Research Specialist at the Family History Library since 1976, taking a short break to be the record attendant supervisor in British and European Reference. She nurtures an interest in American Indian and African American research, and has contributed to the FamilySearch Research Wiki.

Jason Harrison, CG is supervisor of the Family History Library’s United States & Canada Research Specialists. He received his B.A. in Family History from Brigham Young University, is a Certified Genealogist, former New England Historic Genealogical Society intern, and National Genealogical Society conference lecturer. His research specialties include New England, Mountain states, and LDS research.

Joni Kesler, BS, AG has been with the Family History Library for 30 years She has worked in the United States, British, Hosting and VIP units. Besides spending personal time on her own family history, Joni helps individuals in her ward to find ancestor’s names to take to the temple. She also enjoys spending time with her family of four daughters, four granddaughters, and one grandson. She loves reading and spending time with her family.

Ken Nelson, AG is a collection manager for FamilySearch, and member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Society of Civil War Historians.

Nathan W. Murphy, MA, AG is a United States and Canada Senior Research Specialist at the Family History Library. He has been sought out and quoted by the TV shows, *History Detectives*, *How the States Got Their Shapes* and *The Generations Project*. He has completed four years of Ph.D. studies in Colonial American and English history at Leicester and the University of Utah. Nathan is passionate about tracing immigrant origins and promoting DNA. He has published articles in scholarly genealogical journals in the United States and United Kingdom.

Tim Bingaman, AG has worked at the Family History Library since 1990 acquiring his AG in Mid-Atlantic States in 1991. A member of the Historical Society of Berks County, Pennsylvania and the Berks County Genealogical Society, Tim has made numerous trips to Pennsylvania where he spends a great deal of time visiting societies, courthouses, cemeteries and the neighborhoods where his ancestors lived.

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United States Research Seminar

The Family History Library and the Research Specialists of the United States and Canada Reference team invite you to a free, never before offered, week-long seminar focused exclusively on U.S. research. The seminar, which will be held October 12th - 16th, 2015, is perfect for beginning and intermediate genealogists interested in learning about U.S. records, FamilySearch resources, and Family History Library collections.

Come and spend a week at the world renowned Family History Library learning from our expert staff genealogists on how to effectively use the FamilySearch Catalog, Historical Records, and Research Wiki. Explore such topics as cemetery, census, church, immigration, land, military, naturalization, newspaper, probate, and vital records. Learn more about African-American and American Indian research. And discover new techniques, strategies, and methodology to apply to your genealogical research problems.

Seating is limited to 50 participants, so be sure to register early to secure a spot. To register for the seminar visit the FamilySearch Wiki at (<http://wiki.familysearch.org>) and search for the topic ***United States Research Seminar***. Registration instructions are found under the subheading Registration. Each participant will be provided a free spiral-bound syllabus containing all class handouts and materials.

For those who would like to attend the seminar but are unable, fifteen of the thirty classes will be broadcast via webinar (*). For more information or to attend the webinar classes use the above link.

We hope this seminar will not only be informative and instructive, but that it will also encourage and inspire you to continue your family history research. Perhaps this seminar will be just what you need to break through that 20 year old brick-wall research problem. We look forward to working with you!

“When a society or a civilization perishes, one condition can always be found. They forgot where they came from.”

Carl Sandburg

Class Schedule

* = Presented Also as a Webinar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30am – 9:30am	Using the Family History Library Staff Learn what is available on each floor of the Library and how to use the facility. Class includes a walking tour of the Family History Library.	United States Census* <i>Joan E. Healey, AG</i> Learn why the census was taken, what details they disclose, how they differ, their value, arrangement, availability, and substitute or complimentary records.	United States Court Records* <i>Tim Bingaman, AG</i> Learn how these often overlooked records can assist with making family connections and fleshing out a family history.	United States Church Records <i>Joni Kesler, AG</i> Church records can be an indispensable source of vital information, especially when vital records do not exist or are unavailable. This class provides an overview of many denominations, the records they created, the information they contain, and how to find those records today.	Descendancy Research* <i>Tim Bingaman, AG</i> Using a case study, this class will demonstrate how to conduct descendancy research to locate living relatives who may help with your family history.
9:45am – 10:45am	Beginning Research Techniques <i>David Dilts, AG</i> This class explores the various avenues you can take to successful research and how to avoid rookie mistakes.	United States Census Techniques and Strategies for Finding Elusive Ancestors* <i>Jason Harrison, CG</i> Learn proven techniques and strategies for overcoming the pitfalls and challenges of census research to find those elusive ancestors.	Immigration Into the United States* <i>David Dilts, AG</i> This class explores the history, sources, and methodology associated with immigration research. Discover immigrant origins through the use of departure and arrival lists, church, military, vital records, societies, and more.	Cemetery Records <i>Joan E. Healey, AG</i> This class examines various types of cemetery records, the information they contain, and their availability both off and online.	Solving Tough Research Problems * <i>David Dilts, AG</i> This class will review twenty-six proven techniques for dealing with and overcoming tough genealogical research problems.
11:00am – 12 Noon	Research Logs: A Tool for Organizing Your Research <i>David Dilts, AG</i> Learn the importance of well-kept research logs and how to use them more effectively to organize your research and the records you find.	Finding Your Ancestors in Vital Records* <i>Joni Kesler, AG</i> Learn why, where, and when vital records were created in the United States and how to find them.	United States Naturalization* <i>Danielle Batson, AG, MLS</i> Learn about the naturalization process, the records created and the information they may contain.	City Directories: More Than Names and Addresses <i>Jason Harrison, CG</i> Get beyond the basics of city directory research and explore the many ways this valuable resource can be used to further your genealogical research.	Some People Really Need to Get a Clue! Document Analyzation and Evaluation* <i>Jason Harrison, CG</i> Learn how to get the most out of your family history documents by mastering the skills of analyzation and evaluation.
12 Noon – 1:30pm	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Tips and Tricks for Using FamilySearch’s Historical Records Collection* <i>Joni Kesler, AG</i> Learn how to search the Historical Records Collection indexes effectively and how to successfully navigate the unindexed browsable collections.	Understanding United States Land Records <i>Nathan Murphy, AG</i> Come learn about the history of land in the United States, the survey systems, and the types of land records available from local county offices.	United States Military Records on the FamilySearch Website <i>Ken Nelson, AG</i> This class explores the records available on the FamilySearch Historical Records for the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and the Mexican War.	United States Newspaper Research: News You Can Use* <i>Jason Harrison, CG</i> Newspapers may provide details, insights, and clues not found in other records. Learn how to identify, locate, and access newspapers of interest.	Give Me an Estimate-When It’s OK to Guess <i>Joan E. Healey, AG</i> Good guessers use all the clues available to them before making their best guess. From this guess they form a theory, which may be proven or disproven.
2:45pm – 3:45pm	FamilySearch Research Wiki* <i>David Dilts, AG</i> The Wiki is a valuable research tool for learning about places, jurisdictions, migration routes, records, resources, and repositories. Come learn how to use this wonderful resource.	Home on the Range: United States Federal Land Records <i>Nathan Murphy, AG</i> Come learn about the laws, the survey system, and the records created by the sale of Federal Land in the United States.	Civil War Records <i>David Dilts, AG</i> Discover the various records for Civil War research and how to find these records using the FamilySearch Catalog, Wiki and other online resources.	Overview of American Indian Research* <i>Joan Healey, AG</i> Learn how to begin searching for an American Indian ancestor and what online sources are available.	Planning and Implementing a Research Trip <i>Tim Bingaman, AG</i> Everything is on the Internet. NOT! Learn the tricks to having a successful research trip to the home area of your ancestors.
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Using the Family History Library Catalog Effectively* <i>Joni Kesler, AG</i> Learn how to identify books, microfilms, microfiche, and digital collections in the Family History Library’s catalog.	United States Probate Records <i>Tim Bingaman, AG</i> Probate records include more than just wills. This class will examine what is included in probate records and how these records can help you flesh out a family history.	World War I and Later Military Records <i>Ken Nelson, AG</i> Learn what key collections are available on the FamilySearch Catalog, Historical Records, FamilySearch Wiki and other online sources to find your military ancestors.	Beginning African-American Research: Post 1865* <i>Danielle Batson, AG, MLS</i> This class covers the major records used in African-American research from 1865 to the present. Strategies for researching online and other records will be discussed.	Roundtable Discussion: Questions and Answers <i>Presenters</i> During this session all instructors will be available to answer general research questions.